

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Sogabe et al.

Application No. Unassigned

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For: CREATINE AMIDINOHYDROLASE,  
PRODUCTION THEREOF AND USE  
THEREOF

**STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified reissue application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

*The Present Invention*

The present invention relates to a creatine amidinohydrolase, method of production thereof, reagent, and method of use thereof.

*Status of Claims*

Original claims 1-23, from the issued patent, have been canceled. Claims 24-42 have been added. In particular, claims 24-37 recite a creatine amidinohydrolase. Claim 38 is directed to a method of production thereof. Claims 39 and 40 are directed to a reagent and method for determination of creatine, respectively. Similarly, claims 41 and 42 are directed to a reagent and method for determination of creatinine, respectively.

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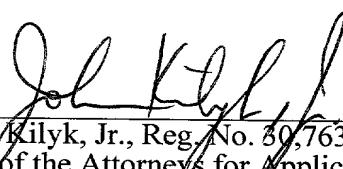
*Support for Claim Changes*

Claims 24-42 have been added so to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention and are fully supported by the original specification. Specifically, claim claims 24, 25, 27-30, and 33 are supported in the specification at, for example, col. 5, lines 3-15. Claims 26, 31, 32, and 34 are supported by col. 5, lines 3-15, and Table 2. Support for claim 35 is found on col. 3, lines 22-34, whereas claim 36 is supported by col. 3, lines 36-48, claim 37 is supported by col. 3, lines 50-62, claim 38 is supported by col. 4, lines 10-65, claim 39 is supported by col. 6, lines 3-6, claims 40 and 42 are supported by col. 5, lines 34-63, and claim 41 is supported by col. 6, lines 7-10. No new matter has been added by way of these new claims.

*Conclusion*

The reissue application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this reissue application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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